

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 203620

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SUBJECT:ATTACHMENT OF SOVIET SHIP WILLIAM FOSTER

REF: PANAMA 5523, STATE 203469

1. MINISTER-COUNSELOR OF SOVIET EMBASSY VORONTSOV CALLED ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL OCTOBER 13 TO INSIST THAT USG FIND SOME WAY TO PREVENT DETENTION OF WILLIAM FOSTER. VORONTSOV TOOK LINE THAT UNDER NORMAL CIRCUMSTANCES THIS MIGHT BE ROUTINE INCIDENT BUT BECAUSE OF MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT ACTION BY US AUTHORITIES TO DETAIN SOVIET SHIP COULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD IN MOSCOW.

2. STOESSEL POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS IN FACT ENTIRELY ROUTINE INCIDENT AND SHOULD BE HANDLED IN NORMAL MANNER, I.E., SHIP SHOULD POST BOND AND SAIL ON ITS WAY. KISSINGER

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